



MEMBERSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

First off...**Thank you!** for joining America's first and only internet based solar astronomy club. By being a member you will be added to a pool of eligible outreach minded solar astronomers to receive free solar viewing glasses, outreach materials and equipment (when available). Unfortunately there are some rules to membership that I must relate to you in order to have everything cleared up front about your membership. Your information will not be shared. There are no fees and you're not obligated to do anything except the following:

By joining the Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project you agree to the following terms:

- The overall guiding principle of this club is to share Solar Astronomy with the public. This club is a division of the Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project, Inc. a nonprofit, 501©3 corporation in the United States of America.
- You will share the Sun and your membership in this club with the public at least 3 times per year through outreach events, printed or internet articles, social media posts through established astronomy or general public forums like Facebook or other astronomy forums. You are encouraged to setup your equipment and share it with the public but that is not the only thing that constitutes outreach.
- You are at least 18 years of age and you have not been convicted of any sexual crimes and are not a pedophile.
- You will use any materials given to you through the club to share the Sun with the public and encourage scientific investigation. The intent is not to enhance your individual experience but to share this wonderful hobby with others.
- You will report your solar astronomy outreach efforts through the NASA Night Sky Network as a member of this club when eligible to do so.
- You will not sell, trade or make profit off of any items given to you through the club.
- In lieu of a membership fee, you will make at least one financial or "in kind" contribution to the nonprofit "The Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project" yearly of at least \$1 US and encourage others to support this effort. Any equipment donated will be considered an in kind donation and will be redistributed to others in the club. The intent of this clause is for all of us to support each other in solar astronomy outreach.
- You will make an effort to have any published articles or photos in any media credited to [your name] of "The Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project" or [your name] of "solarastronomy.org" whenever possible.
- Your expenses, in kind or financial donations to the Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project are tax deductible in the US but you will have to notify me via email of any expenses claimed so that I can have a record and issue you a proper receipt for tax purposes if you are a US citizen and intend to claim them as donations.
- You agree not to falsify any records regarding your participation in solar astronomy outreach for the club. If you claim any large equipment purchases (over \$500) as in kind donations to the club they unfortunately must become legal property of the club but will remain in your possession as long as you are a member. You are completely and individually responsible for any tax matters that arise from your participation in this club.
- You will join "The Sun" solar chat forum and participate in active discussions at least once yearly.
- You will not use your @solarastronomy.org email address for any malicious purposes or to distribute unwanted, obscene, political, religious or vulgar emails.
- You will indemnify and hold harmless The Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project for any accidents or injuries you or others experience at any club related event.

- You will have fun and enjoy sharing the Sun with the public and you will represent the club with the highest integrity and in the most respectful of ways while acting as a representative. No obscene, offensive, political or religious discussions of any kind are allowed in any manner while representing the club.
- You will allow your name and your club email address to be listed as a member of the club on any public portal at the discretion of the club director. No other information will be shared in any way with anyone for any reason without your express permission.
- There are no officers, elections or rules outside of these articles in the club. The Executive Director of the Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project shall act as club director in all matters and their decisions shall be final regarding club events or matters.
- Your membership is voluntary and may be terminated at any time at your discretion without penalty. Any equipment valued at over \$50 US shall be returned to the club upon your termination of membership. Your email address will be terminated upon removal or termination as a member.
- Shipping costs of any supplies shall be paid by The Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project. Any return shipping shall be the responsibility of the member.
- In all club matters, a year shall be defined as the time period between Jan 1st and Dec 31st of any calendar year.
- Any photos submitted as a club member or related to this club on any internet forum may be shared with the public at the discretion of the Director.
- These terms can be modified only after an open discussion period of 20 days has elapsed and a reasonable attempt to notify all members has been made. Changes to any terms will be at the discretion of the club director. If a modification to any of these terms is not to your liking you may leave the club at any time without penalty. You will return any equipment valued at over \$50 to the club promptly and forfeit your email address upon your termination of membership.
- Your club email address account is yours to use as you like at the expense of the nonprofit. If you terminate your membership or are removed as a member you will have 14 days to retrieve any information in the account before it is terminated.
- Filling out and returning the below application via email will be construed as your agreement to these terms

Please enter the following information in order to be installed as a member with full privileges. Your information will remain confidential and will NOT be shared without your express consent.

The Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project



Club Membership Application

Full Name

Email

Website

Telephone

Requested email address (choose one)

@solarastronomy.org

@charliebates.org

Shipping Address

I agree to the terms of membership as listed in this document and will report my solar astronomy outreach events to Night Sky Network whenever eligible. I will not sell or profit from anything I have received from the club for the purposes of outreach.

(email completed form to info@charliebates.org. please save a copy for your records)